

in the art will readily appreciate from the disclosure of the present invention, processes, machines, manufacture, compositions of matter, means, methods, or steps, presently existing or later to be developed that perform substantially the same function or achieve substantially the same result as the corresponding embodiments described herein may be utilized according to the present invention. Accordingly, the appended claims are intended to include within their scope such processes, machines, manufacture, compositions of matter, means, methods, or steps.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for delivering content to a first network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for content delivery from said first network;

searching for said content in compressed form in a cache;

retrieving said content in compressed form from said cache;

sending said content to said first network.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising, prior to said retrieving step, the steps of

retrieving said content in an uncompressed form from a second network;

compressing said content; and

storing said content in compressed form in said cache.

3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

editing said content; and

storing said edited content in said cache.

4. A method for increasing speed of content delivery to a terminal while conserving bandwidth, said method comprising the steps of:

sending a request for delivery of content from a first network;

checking, on a server in communication with said first network, for availability of said content in compressed form;

wherein if said content is available in said compressed form on said server, retrieving said content in said compressed form from a cache associated with said server and forwarding said content to said first network; and

wherein if said content is not available in said compressed form on said server, retrieving said content in an uncompressed form from a first node in communication with said server;

compressing said uncompressed content on said server; and

storing said content in said cache associated with said server in a compressed form, whereby said content is available upon a subsequent request from said first network.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein said step of requesting further comprises the step of:

intercepting said request for content at a second node.

6. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of:

editing said uncompressed content.

7. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of:

determining if said uncompressed content can be compressed.

8. The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of:

wherein, if said uncompressed content cannot be compressed, sending a null response to said first network; and

forwarding said uncompressed content to said first network.

9. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of:

sending the stored compressed content to said first network.

10. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

parsing out a plurality of links in said content;

editing information associated with said plurality of links;

compressing said information associated with said plurality of links; and

storing said compressed information in a cache.

11. The method according to claim 4, wherein said step of sending further comprises the step of:

sending said request for content through a second network.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein said first network is selected from the group consisting of: and Intranet and an Internet Service Provider.

13. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of:

intercepting said request for content by a Distribution Server.

14. The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of:

connecting said Distribution Server to a Control Server residing on a private network.

15. The method according to claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

checking a cache associated with said Distribution Server for said content in compressed form;

wherein if compressed content is available, returning said compressed content to said first network; and

wherein if compressed content is unavailable, retrieving said content by means of said Control Server from said server.

16. The method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of:

accessing said Control Server by means of a direct connection with said Distribution Server.

17. The method according to claim 13, wherein said Distribution Server comprises one of a plurality of Distribution Servers residing on a second network.